

MARVEL

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BUNN
TO
MILLA

X-MEN

BLUE



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THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--MARVEL GIRL, CYCLOPS, ICEMAN, ANGEL AND BEAST--WERE DISPLACED IN TIME AND BROUGHT TO OUR PRESENT. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR FORMER ARCHENEMY TURNED ALLY, MAGNETO, AND JOINED BY ALTERNATE-UNIVERSE REFUGEES BLOODSTORM AND JIMMY HUDSON, THEY WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE THE HEROES THEY WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN BLUE...**

ALTHOUGH THEIR MISSION OF HOPE AND MUTANT AID REMAINS THE SAME, THE ORIGINAL FIVE X-MEN'S ADVENTURES IN THE PRESENT HAVE LEFT THEM IRRREVOCABLY CHANGED. IF THEY REMAIN IN THE PRESENT, THEIR ADULTHOODS ARE DESTINED TO BE WHOLLY DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO FIX...

***THE EVENTS OF THIS ISSUE TAKE PLACE BEFORE EXTERMINATION #1.**

SURVIVING THE EXPERIENCE

CONCLUSION

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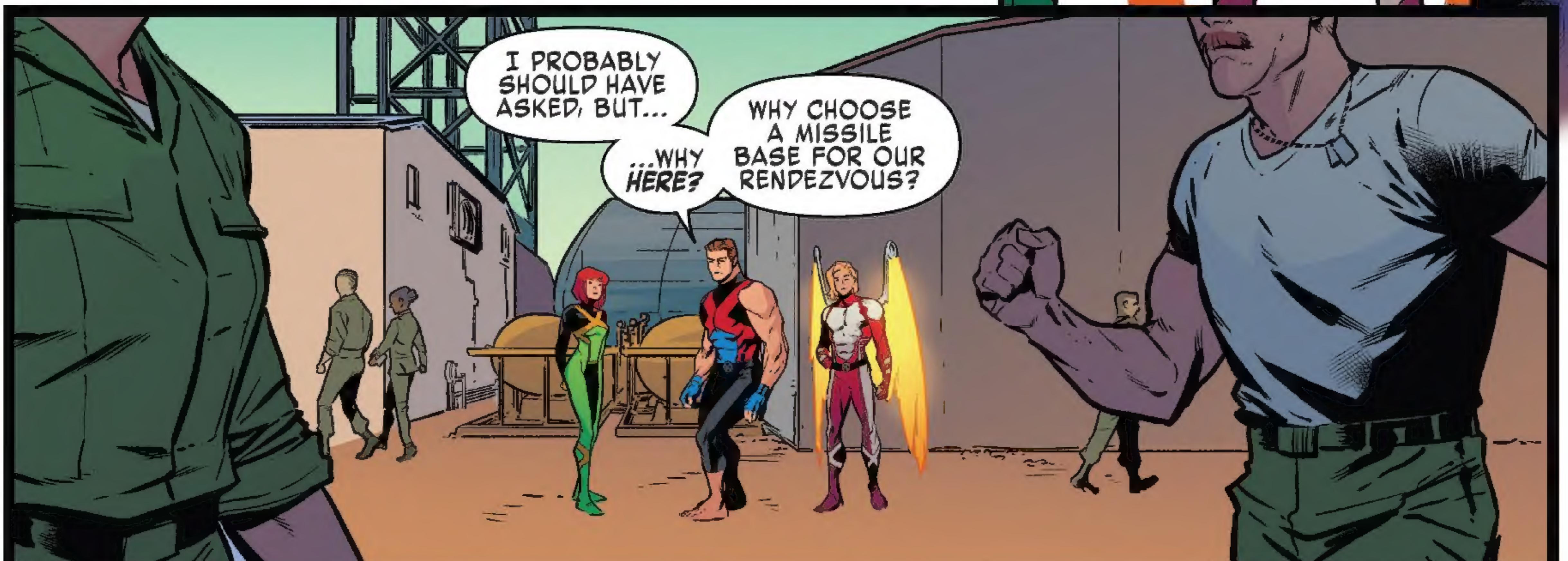
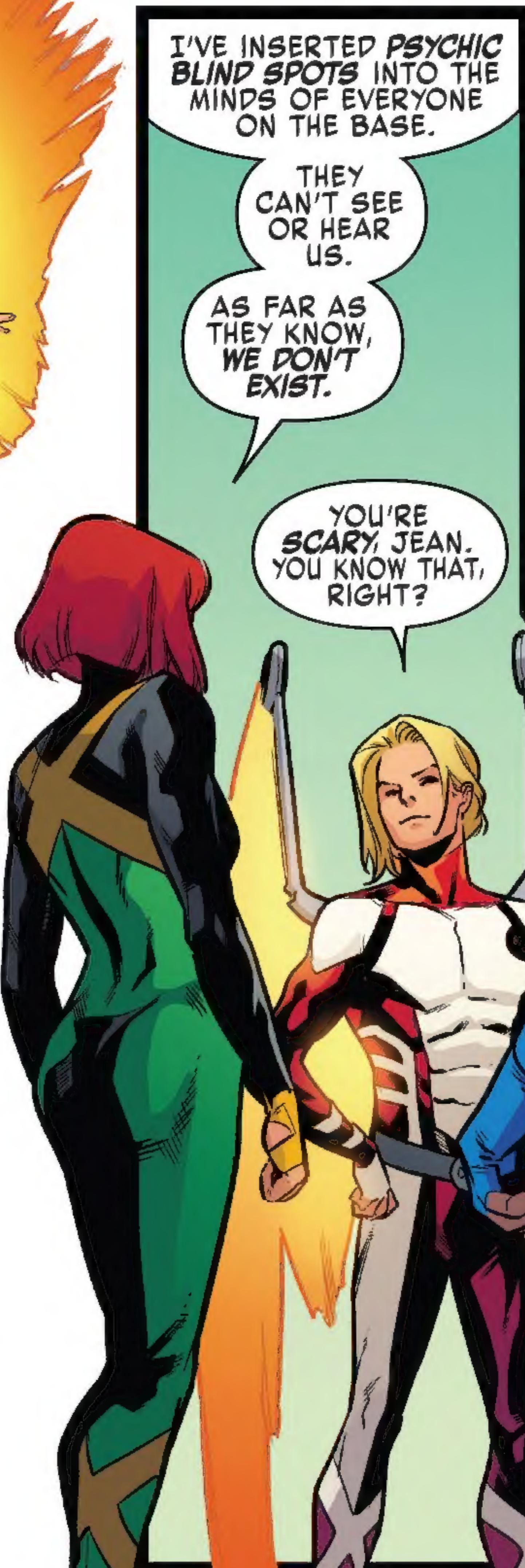
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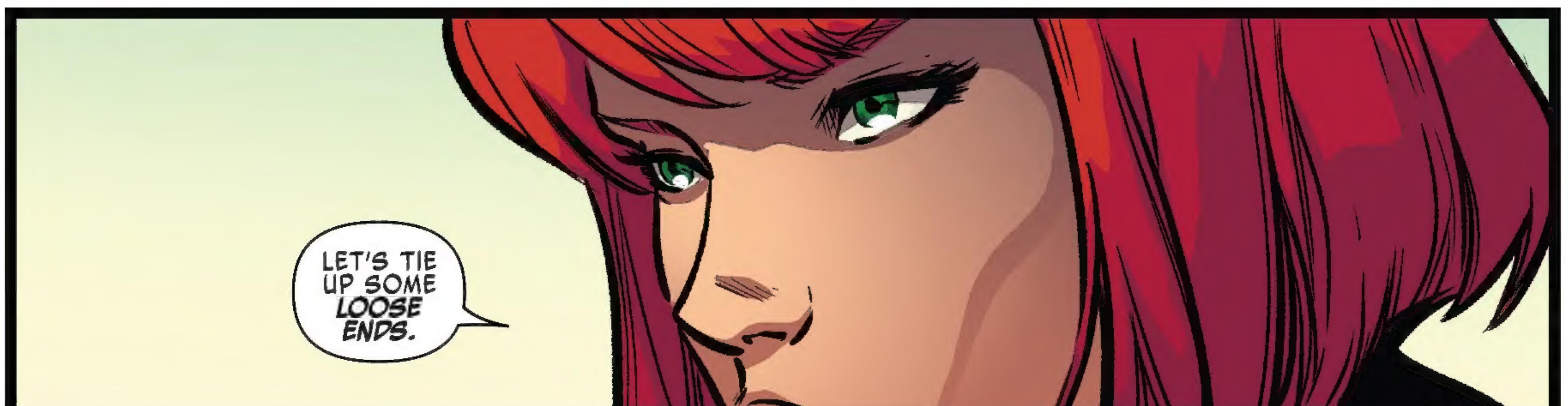
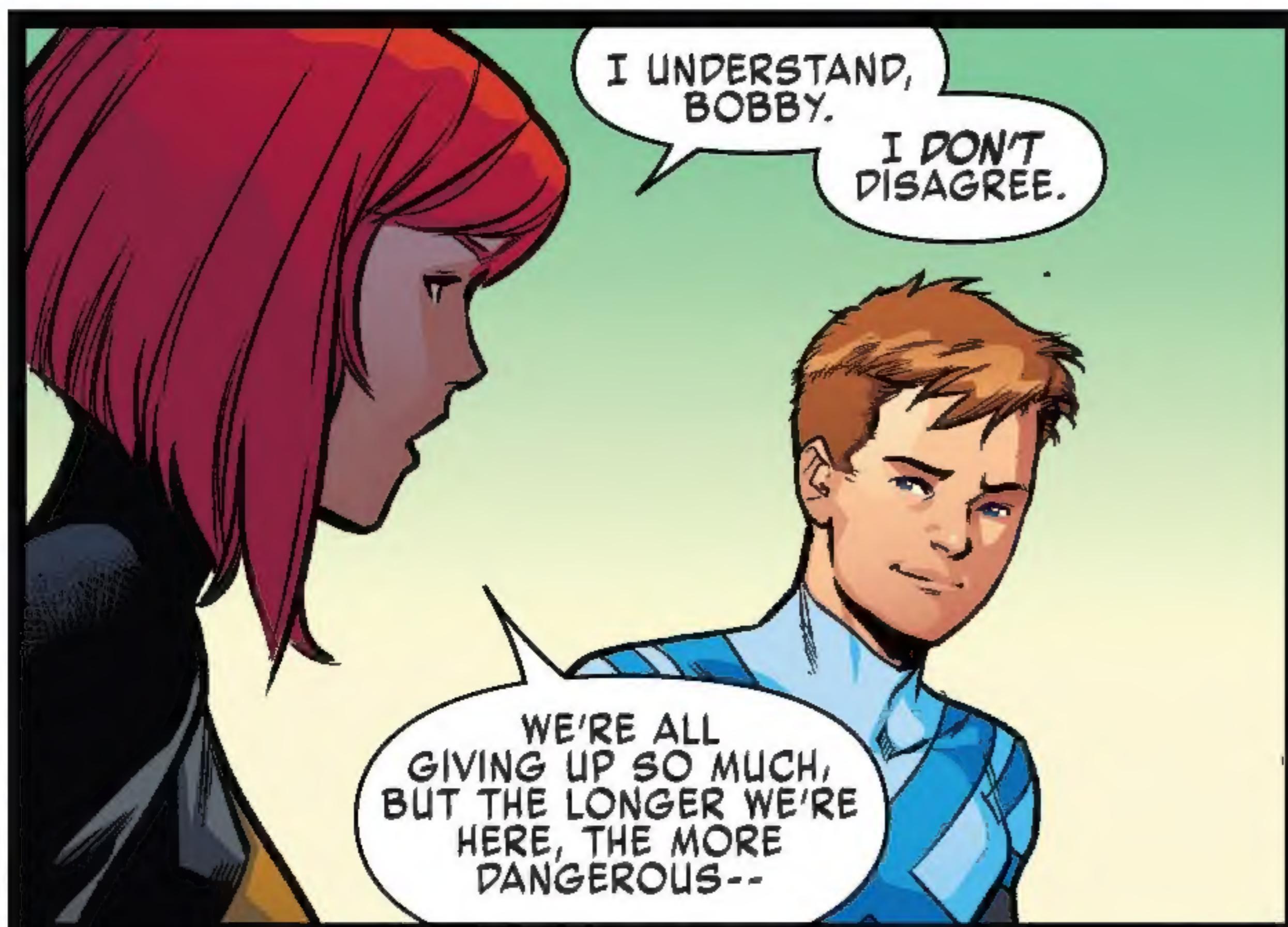
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X-MEN CREATED BY **STAN LEE** & **JACK KIRBY**

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MISSILE BASE.
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NEW YORK
CITY.



THE STARJAMMER.
DEEP SPACE.

SO, I
GUESS WHAT I'M
SAYING...

...IS
GOODBYE.

WE HAVE A
FEW MORE THINGS
TO WRAP UP HERE
ON EARTH...

...AND
THEN...

...WELL, I
GUESS WE'RE
GONE.

YOU'RE
NOT GONE,
SON.

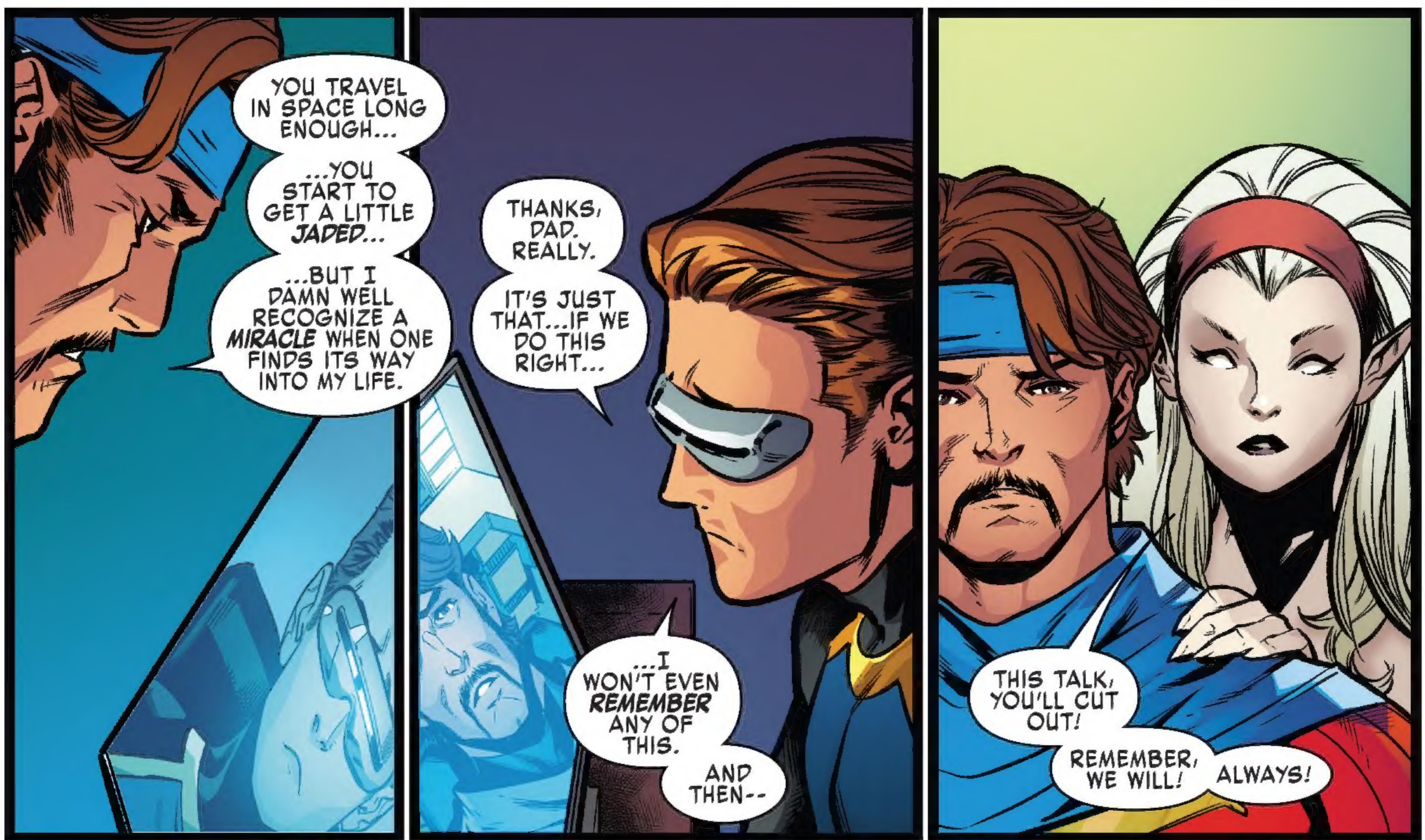
NOT BY
A LONG
SIGHT.

DAD--

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING TO SAY,
SCOTT.

I KNOW,
AND I STAND
BY MY
WORDS.

NOT BY
A LONG
SIGHT.

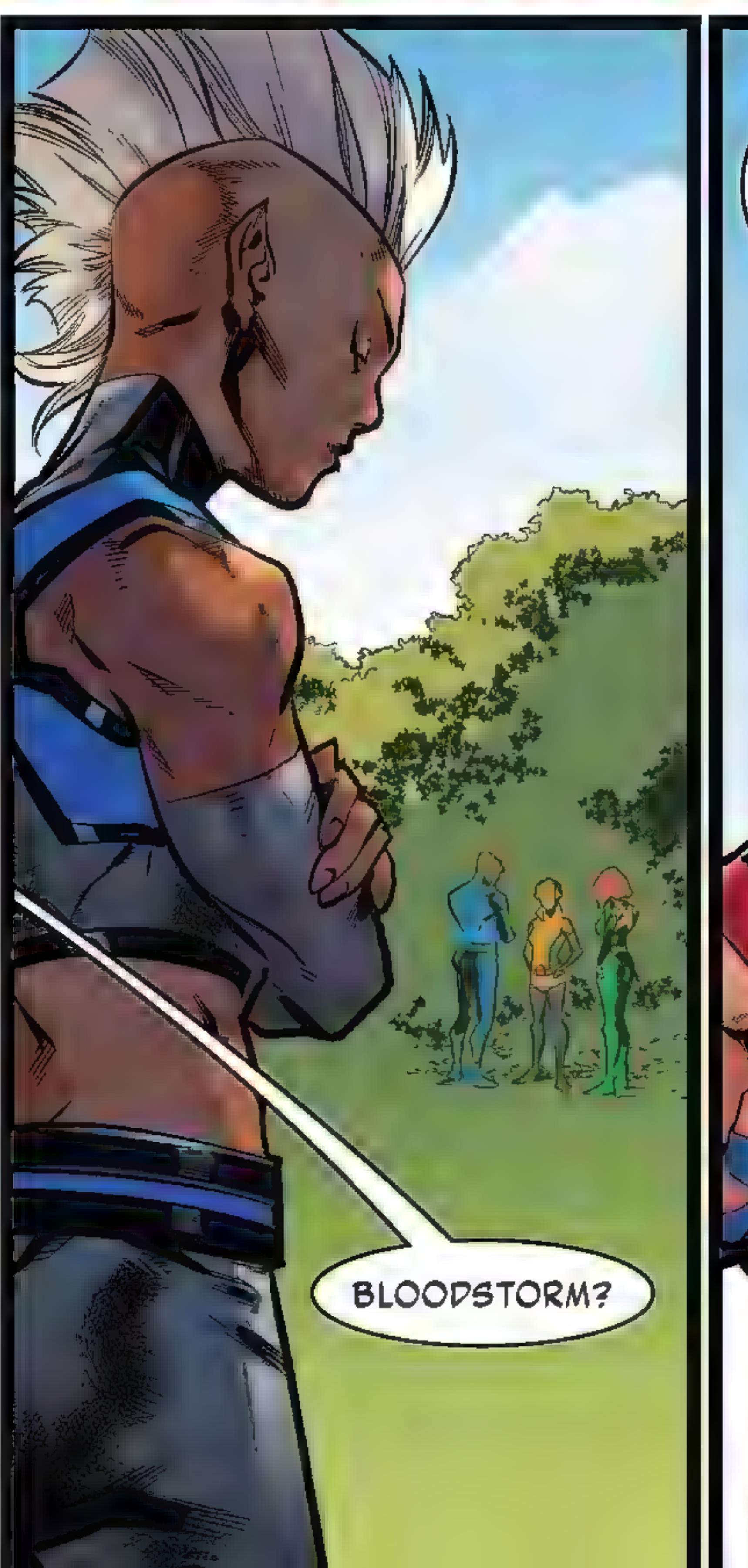








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"...NO ONE'S EVER
GOING TO GET BETWEEN
THOSE TWO FOR LONG."

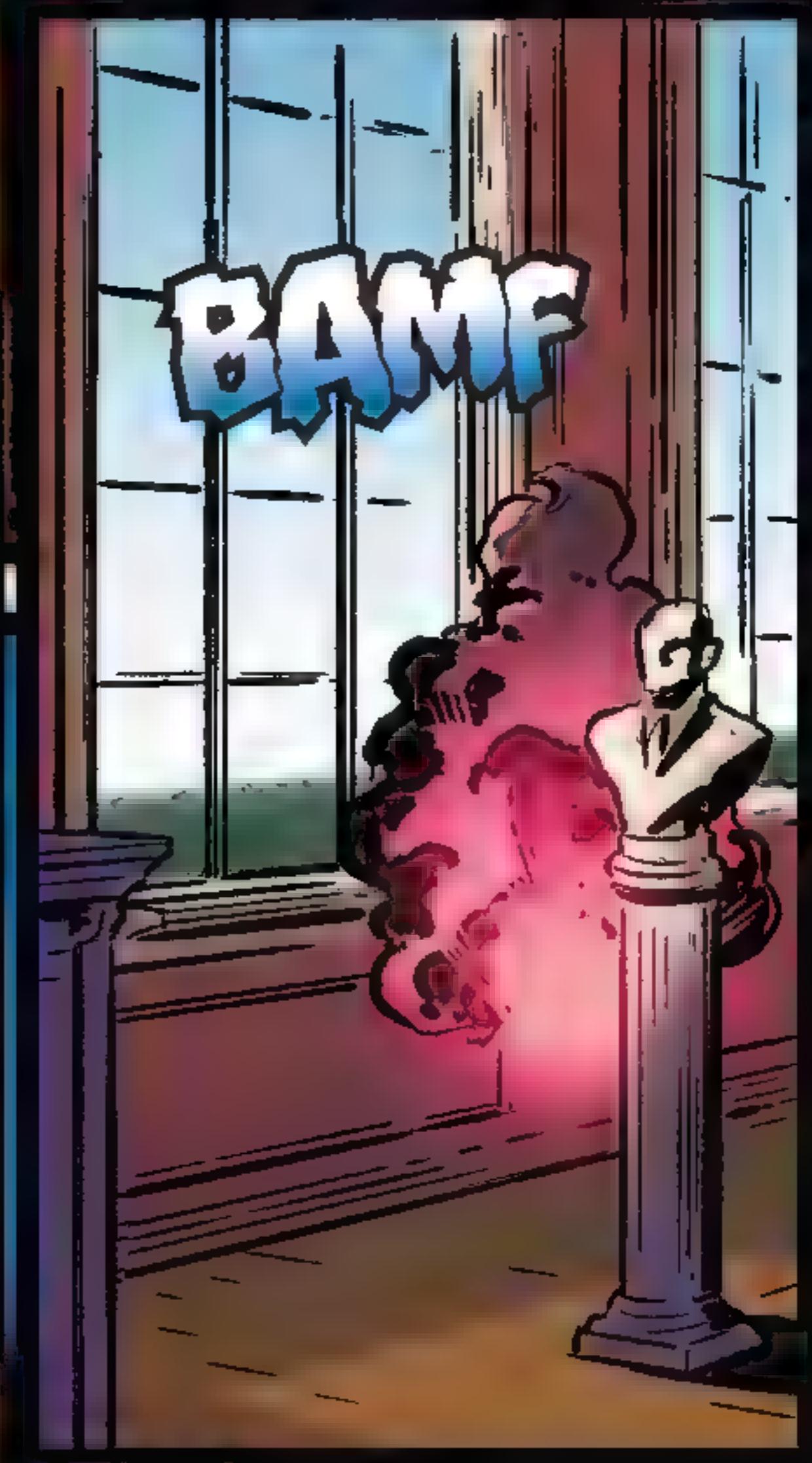
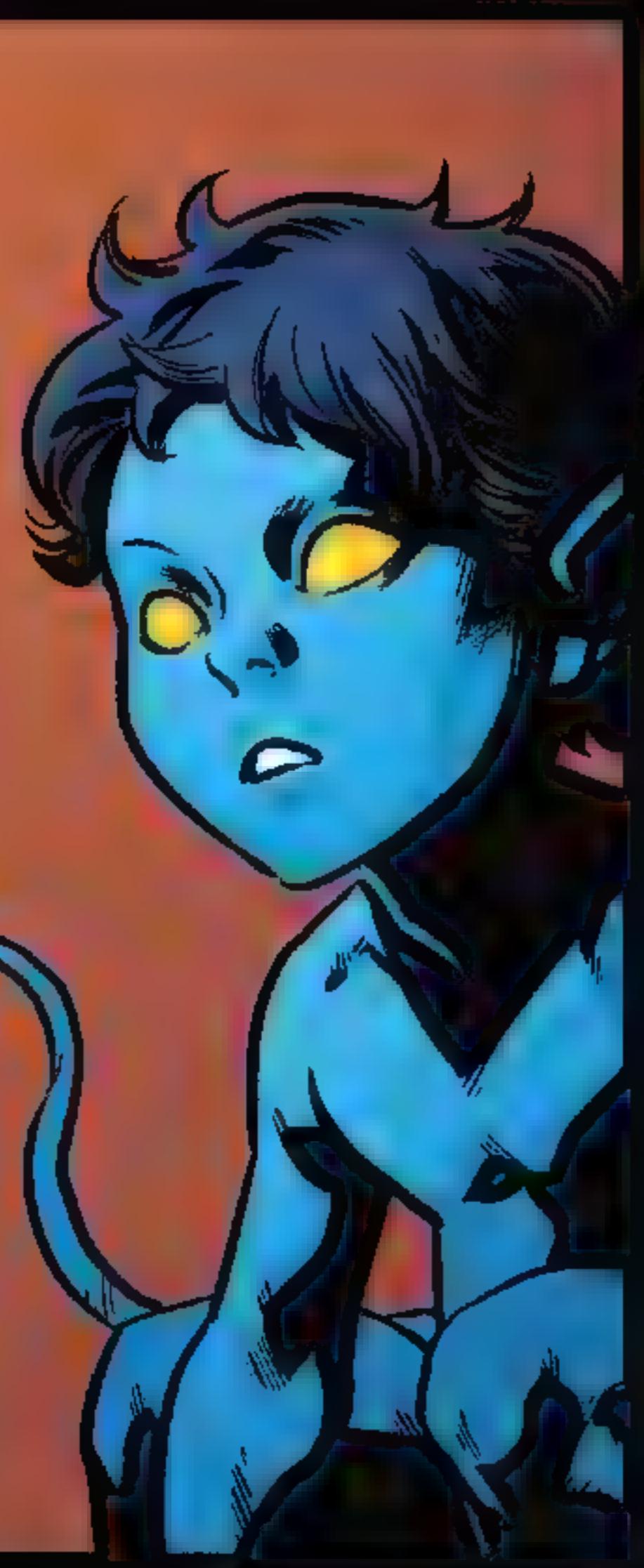
THANKS,
PICKLES.

FOR
EVERYTHING.

I GUESS
WE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT
YOU.

AT LEAST,
IT WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN AS
MUCH FUN.

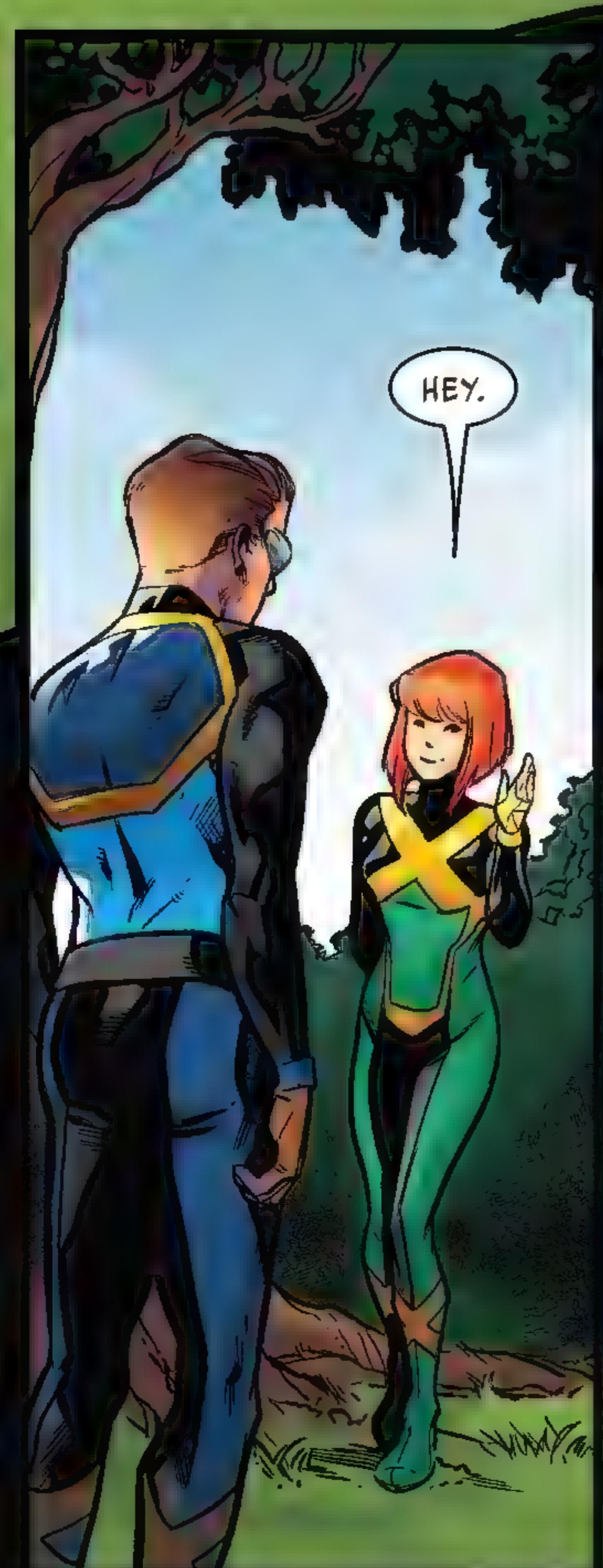
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TO GO,
THOUGH.

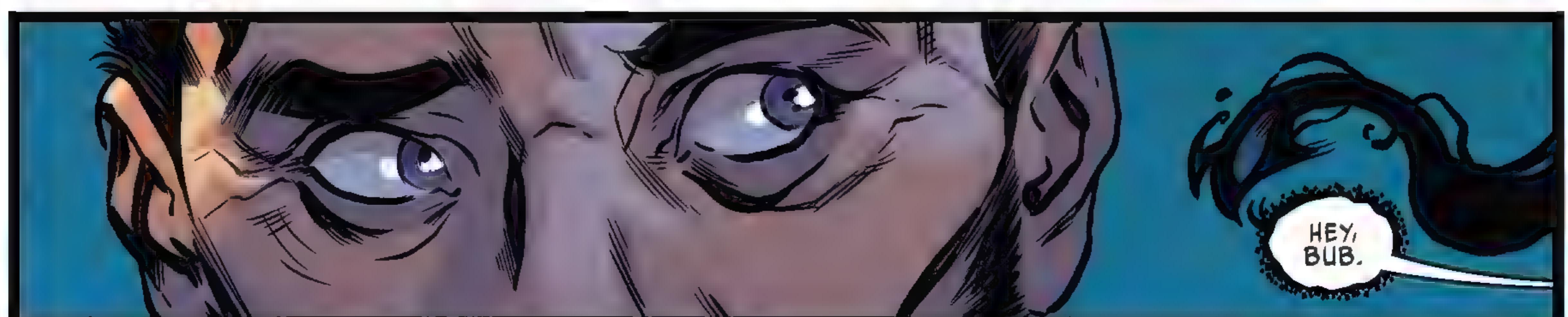


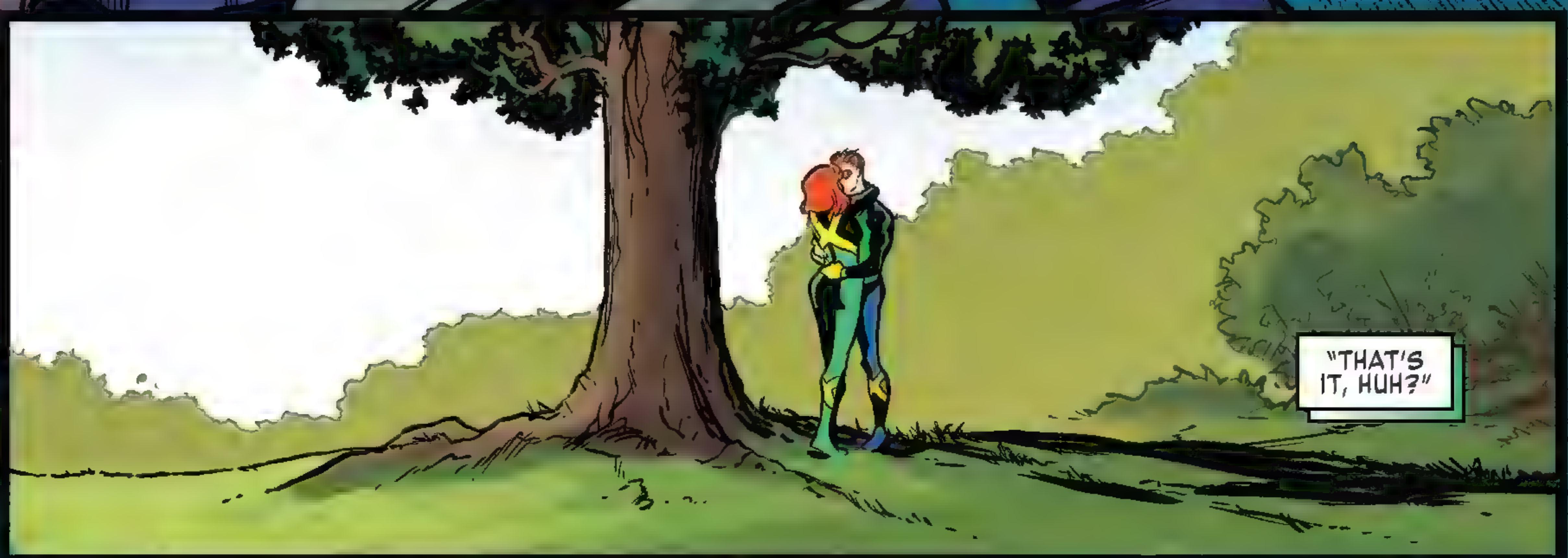
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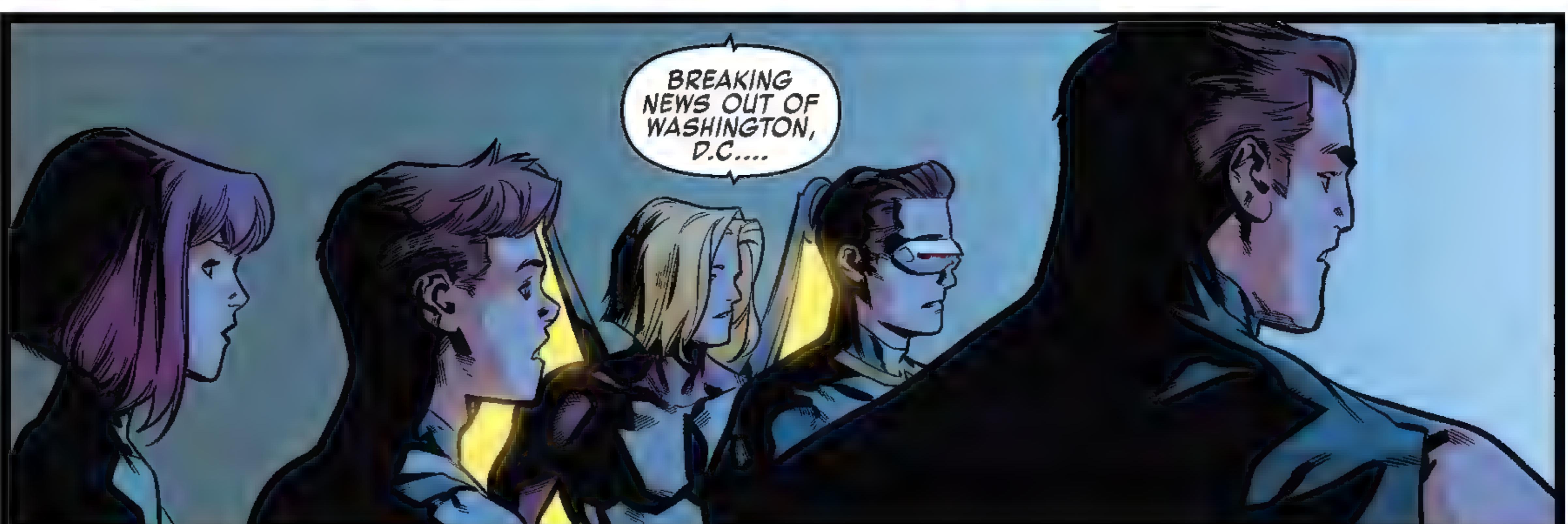
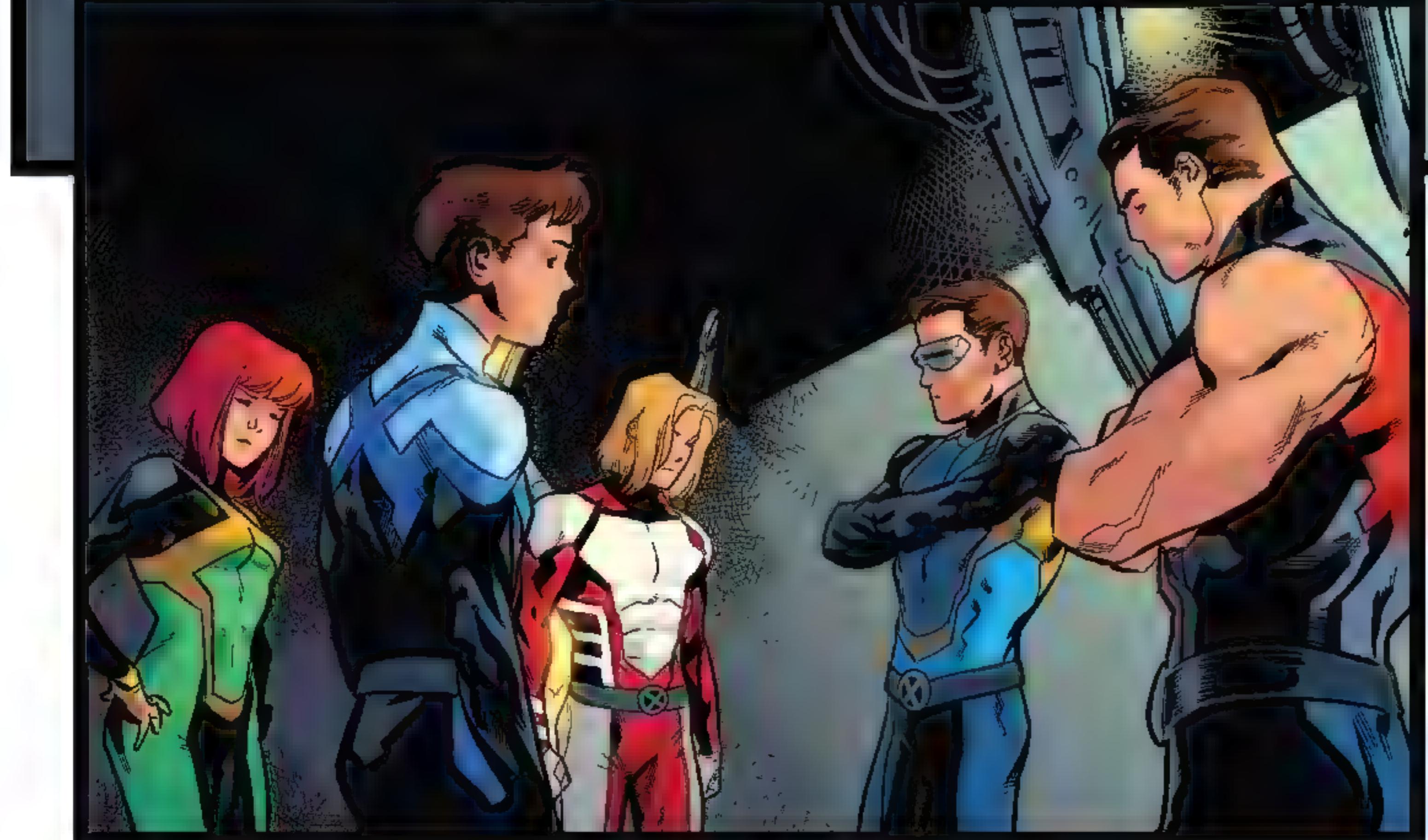
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THE BIG--









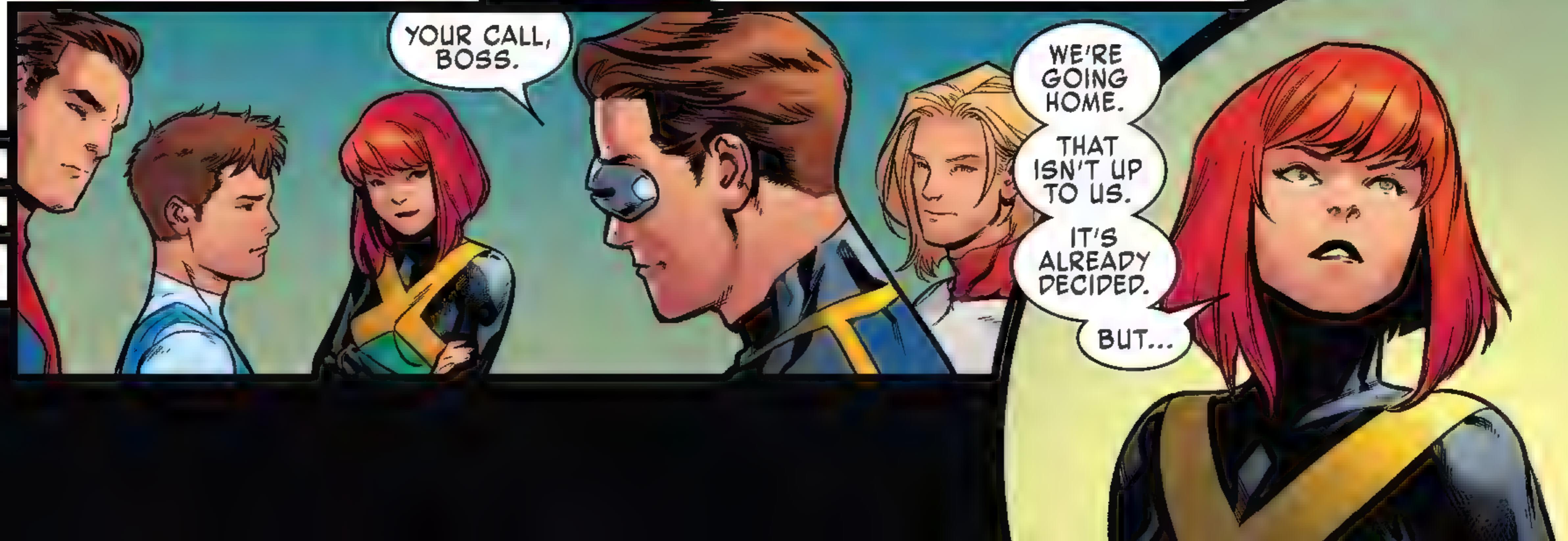
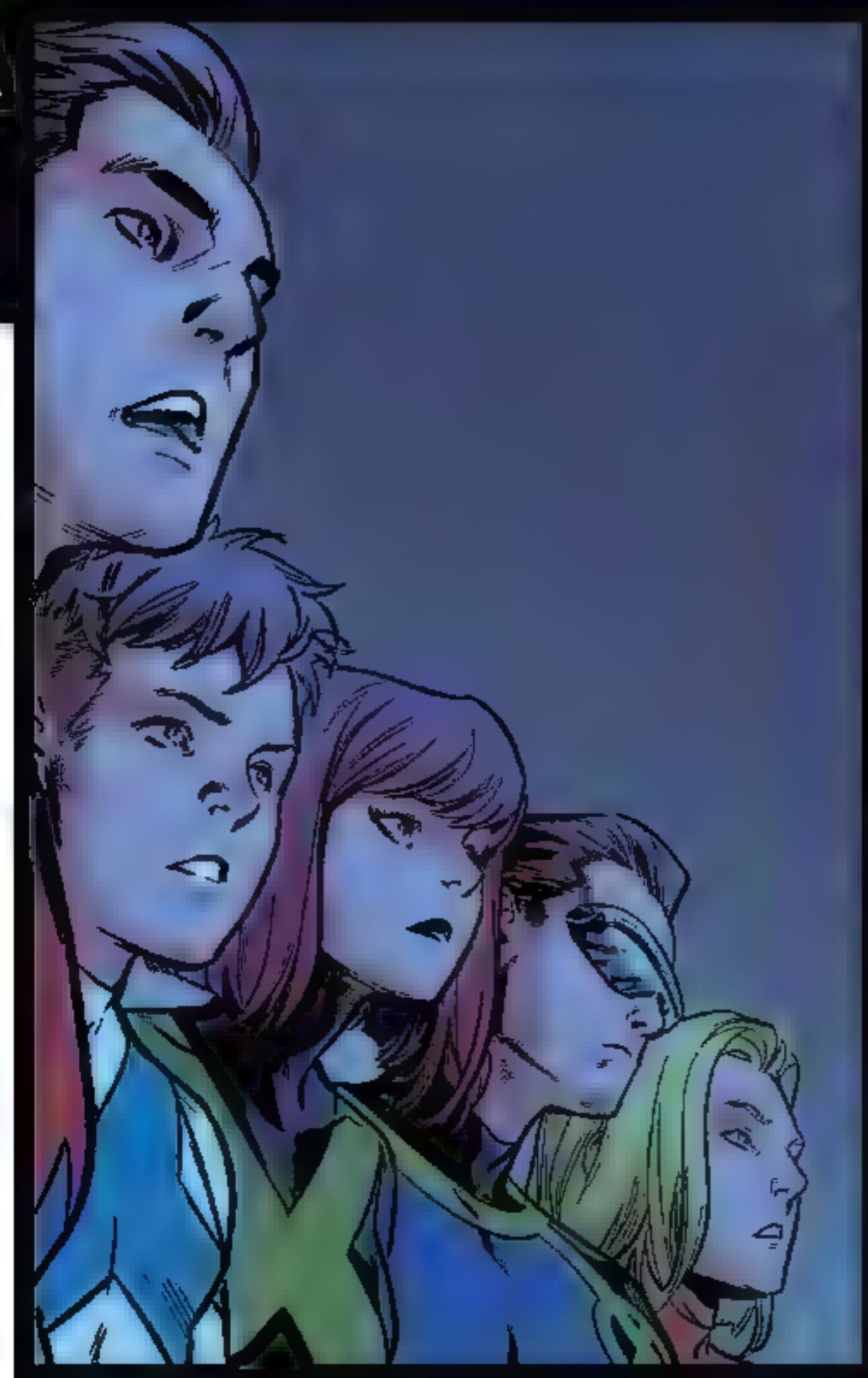


...AN ANTI-MUTANT DEMONSTRATION IN THE CAPITAL HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF MUTANTS.

THESE MUTANTS APPEAR TO BE LED BY KNOWN TERRORIST AND MUTANT SUPREMEST, MAGNETO.

SOME ARE ALREADY NAMING THIS THE RETURN OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS.

BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS ATTACK RALLY IN WASHINGTON





THE END!

MAYBE
WE'LL HANG
OUT FOR JUST
A LITTLE
LONGER.



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Many of you know how much the X-Men meant to me. I've recounted elsewhere how my father and I bonded over collecting X-MEN. Together, we built a complete run of the series. I sold those books and paid for two years of college with the proceeds. I'm in the process of collecting them again, and I'm missing 15 issues as of this writing. It is with great sadness that I say my dad didn't live long enough to see me get the chance to write the adventures of the X-Men. But I know he would have been thrilled that I had the honor to do so.

An honor, folks, make no mistake.

Twenty-one issues of MAGNETO, twenty issues of UNCANNY X-MEN (if you count the annual), and thirty-seven issues of X-MEN BLUE (again, counting the annual), along with some X-tie-in one-shots and mini-series. That's not too shabby. X-MEN BLUE, by the way, was originally planned to last eighteen issues, so I'll take that as a big win.

A bittersweet win, mind you, because I hate saying goodbye.

I love these characters, and I've loved chronicling their adventures. My favorite moments from this particular series? That's a tough one. I loved the Cross-Time adventure with Generation X and X-Men 2099. But it's a tie between that and these last six or so issues. It's too close to call for me. (My real favorite moment, though, was accidentally leaving my editor Darren Shan a voicemail where I was belting out the chorus to City High's "What Would You Do"?! We've never talked about it, but we both know it happened.)

Writing this series was a dream come true. It was a wonderful ride. For that, I want to thank you, the X-Fans, for reading these books. It has meant a lot to me.

And—who knows?—X-Men have a tendency to come back from the dead, so maybe I'll find my way back to the merry mutants someday soon.

—Cullen Bunn
Writing from War Room X

NEXT MONTH...

X-MEN BLACK

MAGNETO



MOJO



MYSTIQUE



JUGGERNAUT



EMMA FROST



